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APRIL 8 TO MAY 8

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1. COMMUNIQUE NO. 24/74 DATED MAY 13 ISSUED BY MOZAMBIQUE ARMED FORCES HIGH COMMAND DESCRIBED FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES DURING PERIOD APRIL 8 TO MAY 8:

A) IN NIASSA DISTRICT FOLLOWING WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED: ONE 82MM MORTAR, ONE MACHINE GUN, SIX AUTOMATIC RIFLES, ONE SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLE, NUMEROUS 82MM MORTAR GRENADES, RECOILLESS CANNON GRENADES, MUNITIONS AND OTHER MATERIALS.

B) IN CABO DELGADO NATIONAL FORCES KILLED 25 AND WOUNDED 11 GUERRILLAS, CAPTURING ONE AUTOMATIC PISTOL, FOUR AUTO-
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MATIC RIFLES, NINE SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES, AND VARIOUS WAR

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MATERIAL AS WELL AS THIRTEEN "ENEMY ELEMENTS".

C) IN TETE DISTRICT, TWO GUERRILLA REFUGES WERE DESTROYED, SEVEN GUERRILLAS KILLED, EIGHT WOUNDED. MATERIALS CAPTURED INCLUDED: TWO AUTOMATIC RIFLES, NINE SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES, AND DIVERSE WAR MATERIALS. GUERRILLAS WHO AMBUSHED A COMMANDO FORCE NEAR FINGOE SUFFERED ONE KILLED AND CAPTURE OF ONE SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLE.

D) IN VILA PERY DISTRICT, GUERRILLAS TRYING TO AMBUSH NATIONAL FORCES, SUFFERED ONE KILLED, THREE WOUNDED AND CAPTURE OF AN AUTOMATIC RIFLE. IN VARIOUS OPERATIONS CONTACT WAS MADE WITH GROUP OF GUERRILLAS WHO SUFFERED EIGHT DEATHS AND CAPTURE OF ONE SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLE, THREE NON-SPECIFIED WEAPONS AND DIVERSE MATERIALS.

E) IN BEIRA DISTRICT SIX HUNTING GUNS WERE CAPTURED AND ONE GUERRILLA REFUGE DESTROYED.

2. DURING THIS PERIOD FRELIMO CONTINUED TO DIRECT MOST OF ITS ACTION AGAINST CIVIL POPULATION AND NON-MILITARY OBJECTIVES. THEY ATTACKED FOLLOWING ALDEAMENTOS: HOMEM, MALEME AND MATENDE IN NIASSA; IMPUITO AND IMPANDA IN CABO DELGADO; CANCHIRA, SACHIRI, VILA GAMITO, CANDEIA AND NHANDIR IN TETE; NICUICE IN BEIRA. THESE AGGRESSIONS CAUSED TWELVE DEATHS, TWELVE SEVERELY WOUNDED AND 57 PERSONS KIDNAPPED AS WELL AS DEATH OF FIVE RURAL GUARDS AND ONE WOUNDED.

IN ATTACK ON GULOI GUERRILLAS SUFFERED SIX DEATHS AND THREE WOUNDED. IN ATTACK ON NICUICE, GUERRILLAS SUFFERED ONE DEATH. IN BEIRA DISTRICT, GUERRILLAS KILLED ONE FARMER AND SACKED AND DESTROYED A STORE AND FLOUR MILL IN BOEZA. SMALL GROUP OF GUERRILLAS AMBUSHED CIVILIAN TRUCKS ABOUT 25 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF INCHOPE, RESULTING IN DEATH OF THREE TRUCK DRIVERS. BRIDGE ACROSS RIO BUMGA WAS MINED. GUERRILLAS F RED ON TWO FREIGHT TRAINS, AND EXPLODED MINE ON A THIRD NEAR INHAMINGA.

IN TETE DISTRICT, GUERRILLAS CAUSED THE DERAILMENT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

AN ELECTRIC TROLLEY (ZORRA) IN REGION OF M'CITO CAUSING ONE CIVILIAN DEATH AND SEVERELY WOUNDING THREE SOLDIERS.

IN VILA PERY DISTRICT ABOUT 15 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF INCHOPE, ATTACK ON CIVILIAN VEHICLE CAUSED DEATH OF DOZEN INDIVIDUALS.

3. DURING PERIOD UNDER REVIEW, NATIONAL FORCES SUFFERED

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20 DEATHS, 14 SEVERELY WOUNDED AND 11 LIGHTLY WOUNDED IN
COMBAT.

4. IN CABO DELGADO, PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE PLANE WAS HIT BY
GUN FIRE AND MADE FORCED LANDING ON AIR STRIP AT NANCATARI.
THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.

5. COMMENT: WAR SEEMS TO BE GOING ALONG AT USUAL PACE,
LISBON COUP NOTWITHSTANDING.
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